REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment prior to examination. Claims 4, 8, 11, 16-22, and 23-31 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 2, 11, 23, and 24. Claims withdrawn herein are none. New claims added herein are none.

Claims 4, 8, 11, 16-22, and 23-31, which were withdrawn from the parent application, are reintroduced here into this application. To avoid confusion, the numbering of the claims from the parent application is maintained here.

Claims 5-7, 9, 10, and 12-15 are withdrawn here because they were allowed in the parent case. These claims are labeled "withdrawn but allowed in parent".

Prior Art Status of References

Applicant does not explicitly or implicitly admit that any reference is prior art. Nothing in this communication should be considered an acknowledgement, acceptance, or admission that any reference is considered prior art.

Claim Amendments

Herein, Applicant amends claims are 2, 11, 23, and 24 for grammatically reasons only. Such amendments are not provided to fulfill any statutory requirements.

Supplemental Preliminary Amendment to Follow

As soon as possible, Applicant will submit a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. This amendment may include one or more of the following: claim amendments, new claims, and explanations as to why pending claims are allowable.

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If the Office should pick-up this document for examination before receiving the supplemental amendment, Applicant asks the Office to call the undersigned attorney for the Applicant to inquire about the status of such.

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